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An Evening Echo.

Inquisitive people are the funnels of conversation; they do not take anything for their own use, but merely pass it on to others.—TIDIE.

The Exponent is still booming the town.

The Rev. Mr. Struve got out when getting out was good.

He who laughs last laughs best. There's an election coming.

Maybe this springlike weather will tend to soothe the fiery wrath of our contemporary across the Bridge of Sighs.

The Exponent cartoonist must have been looking in a mirror when he drew the cartoon that appeared in Saturday morning's newspaper.

The Exponent appears to be rather peeved over our "squawk" editorials. Bless you, brother, you ought to feel complimented over the fact that our squawk editor, as you call him, devoted so much time to you.

Wonder if the old man the Exponent met on the bridge the other night is still living? Readers will remember that he was 70 years old and "was going to live longer."

The editorial writer on the Exponent seems to have learned many things in the short time that he has been in Clarksburg. But, then you know, he has been talking with old men on the bridge.

The Exponent depicts us as a yellow dog in a cartoon in Saturday morning's issue and didn't have us in the act of barking. Possibly it remembered the old saying that "a barking dog never bites."

The Telegram safely ventures the assertion that the editor of the Exponent does not know the Democratic nominees personally or knows them only slightly, yet he says that the city of Clarksburg says they are all right. That is the kind of a wise guy he is.

The Exponent is kicking about the fire department; the Exponent is kicking about alleged boss rule; the Exponent is kicking about a "monster Hydra" that it says is at work in Clarksburg; the Exponent is kicking about everything in general. The Telegram is not kicking about any of these things for it sees no earthly reason why it should. Now, who is doing the squawking?

The Exponent says it didn't start this unpleasantness but that it may be called upon to stop it. In the first place we do not call it "unpleasantness" for we honestly enjoy reading the idiotic squawks in the Exponent better than any of Mark Twain's works. In the second place we didn't start it either, but we ARE GOING TO STOP IT, whether called upon to do so or not.

The Exponent has given almost a year to vilifying the fire fighting laddies of Clarksburg. It has not been a week since it made an attack upon us as vicious as those all through the year. Now, it openly admits its error and an apology is certainly due for its previous course in this connection. In its accusation that the fire department lacks efficiency, the Exponent in capital letters boldly declares that "THE FIREMEN ARE NOT TO BLAME." It has placed itself on record as to this, and its assertion is a voluntary repudiation of the vicious attacks it has been making on the firemen. It may take it for granted that the admission is a sufficient apology but it ought to be amply enough to add that it was prompted to make the admission by a sense of justice.

Burning Not Effective.

Post cards cautioning forest users in the Appalachian region against burning fires in the woods have recently been sent by the federal forest service to residents in the vicinity of the forest areas which have been purchased by the government. These postcards state that burning

of the woods does not improve the grazing, and does not exterminate poisonous insects or animals. On the other hand, the cards say such burning injures the grazing value of the land by killing off the better grasses, by decreasing the fertility of the soil and by increasing the possibility of forest fires. The cards also state that burning injures the timber, impairs its merchantability, and lowers its selling price; that it increases insect damage by weakening the vitality of the trees and affording an entrance for insects through fire scars; and, in addition, that it kills out the young trees which are just getting started.

For the reasons enumerated, it is announced that no grazing will be allowed on the government lands which have recently burnt; the rule being enforced in order to give the range a chance to recuperate. The effects of this prohibition will be to feed on certain areas against grazing. Therefore, fires set through a mistaken notion that they will improve grazing will curtail the forage resources.

The Fire Committee.

In this issue of the Telegram are published the findings of a careful investigation made of matters concerning the fire department, and especially the course of the fire committee.

The investigation establishes several facts, which show the fire committee's earnest efforts in performance of duty. The committee made an endeavor to get the services of a trained fireman as an instructor but without success. This idea had the endorsement of the city council and the committee tried hard to carry it out.

When it conceived the idea of taking other steps which would entail considerable expenditure of money, it found itself confronted with limitation by the state law in reference to contracting municipal debts, and it was, therefore, powerless to act along that line.

The next step taken was to try to get permission to put the fire chief or others in some big city fire department for the purpose of receiving instruction and actual training. Resulting from this the chief of the department is to go to the main Clarksburg fire department to receive instruction and training, and, if he is found necessary, the committee will doubtless send other men to receive instruction and training. It is to be done at nominal cost and it does not require such expenditure as would violate the state law. In fact, transportation and board are to be the only outlays.

Much of the criticism of the course of the committee has been based on alleged conduct of the fire fighters, but the chief critic, the Exponent, by its own admission that the firemen are not to blame, lifts all such charges from the result of the fire committee, as a result of which but little of the criticism is left.

Those Men Good and True.

The interloper from Tyler county is fool enough to believe that such an utterance as the following made by him is given with the slightest credence by an intelligent public:

"I rally to the support of the party which here is not a party except in name but is indeed the banding together of men good and true."

Such rot as that shows less than average intelligence on the part of the Tyler county man who has come to Clarksburg to slander its builders, its bankers, its merchants and all its citizens, its men of good and true, as some Democratic politicians and even not by men who wear sheep's clothing.

If the chump thinks he can induce the people of Clarksburg to follow his standard of deception, he is mistaken. The man who says that the Democratic ticket already nominated and yet to be completed is not backed by Democratic politicians in the hope of party triumph, is either an ignorant or a hypocrite. There need be no proof of the fact that party triumph is what is sought, and it is not a banding together of men good and true, as the Exponent hypocritically declares.

The editor of that newspaper is certainly aware of the fact that certain gentlemen purposed to place a city ticket in the field as a citizens' ticket, hoping the selections by the endorsement of the Democratic machine would receive the endorsement of the Democratic party. But, that did not happen. They did not put a ticket in the field. Does the Exponent know why? It does. Then, why does it not tell the truth? The truth is, as the Exponent fully knows, the citizens' movement was called off on the very eve of the scheduled ward conventions. Who called it off? Members of the Democratic machine told leaders of that alleged movement that endorsement need not be expected from the Democratic organization. That ended the citizens' movement.

"Men good and true," it seems in the Democratic eye and in the mind of their dumkeys are only those either belonging to the Democratic machine or that machine's lackeys.

An intelligent citizenship such as Clarksburg has will not be duped by such pretense.

FRICKER IS ILL.

William M. Fricker, manager of the local store of the National Woolen Mills Company, is quite ill at his home on 2nd street. He has lumbago.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

It Was Once.

The mayor of Toledo has appointed a minister on his boxing commission. And yet boxing was once a respectable sport.—Wheeling Telegraph.

A Great Satisfaction.

When an American is caught and killed in Mexico it must be a great satisfaction to him in his dying moments to know that his country is watchfully waiting.—Wheeling News.

Sweet Music.

The duet in the morning and evening by the whistles of the Clarksburg Northern and Tyler traction lines makes sweet music to Middlebourn ears. The tune is that of progress and growth and prosperity.—Tyler County Star.

A Good Idea.

An effort is being made by some of the leading business and professional men of the state to have the governor include in his call for a special session a bill providing against "fake advertising." The proposition is well worthy of consideration and should be included.—Preston News.

Sounds Strange.

Captain Richmond Pierson Hobson paid Washington a flying visit last week. Many of the older inhabitants remembered having seen him there before.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

Safely Hanged.

The situation in Mexico certainly must be improving rapidly. All the missing Americans have now been accounted for except one. Hope had almost been abandoned for two of them until it was discovered that one of them had been safely hanged by the rebels.—Elkins Inter-Mountain.

Road Boosters Busy.

The road boosters of Fayette county are very much in earnest in their effort to improve the condition of the local highways. Practically the full committee of the good roads movement met in Fayetteville Tuesday, to confer with the state engineer in drafting the plans for the proposed bond issue.—Fayette Tribune.

Extravagant.

A news item is going the rounds to the effect that Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt recently appeared at Palm Beach, Fla., wearing a \$10 suit. Judging from the ordinary garb worn by society women, as detailed in the newspapers and depicted in their illustrations, Mrs. Vanderbilt is becoming ostentatiously extravagant.—Bluefield Telegraph.

Arbor and Bird Day.

Friday, April 3, is Arbor and Bird Day in West Virginia, for this year. The West Virginia School of Agriculture, at Morgantown, devotes one of the monthly issues of its magazine to a manual for this occasion, which is sent free to all teachers and school officers who apply for it. It is a good thing whatever may be the cost of living. Governor Hatfield opens it with a nice foreword and there is a lot of interesting and profitable matter in it. Further the more attention we pay to Arbor and Bird Day, the greater are the signs of advancing civilization.—Parkersburg State Journal.

SAVINGS OF A NUT

Huerta says he has 10,000 men ready to fight. The accuracy of those figures depends altogether upon his condition at the time he counted them.

President Wilson's daughters do not appear to have adopted their father's policy of watchful waiting.

Some Mexicans crossed the line into California, burned the postoffice and shot the postmaster. Well, those Californians handled the Japs and they ought to be able to handle the Mexicans.

Both factions in Mexico no doubt wish that their army was as large as the army of the unemployed in this country.

Coming Events in Clarksburg

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 16, 17, 18—"Quo Vadis," motion pictures, afternoons and nights, Robinson Grand theater.

Tuesday, March 17—Dance given by Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Centennial Hall.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 19, 20, 21—"From the Savage to the Tiger," motion picture, Robinson Grand theater.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

Oldest, Safest, Strongest, Best. Standard family medicine. No alcohol. Sold for 60 years. Ask Your Doctor. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Robinson Grand theater.

Monday, March 23—"Way Down East," Robinson Grand theater.

Tuesday, March 24—"Musical and literary entertainment, Masonic temple." Wednesday, March 25—"Hebrew society dance, Hoffman Hall."

Thursday, Friday, March 26, 27—"From the Manger to the Cross," motion picture, Robinson Grand theater.

Saturday, March 28—"The Girl of My Dreams," Robinson Grand theater.

Tuesday, March 31—"Stop Thief," Robinson Grand theater.

Wednesday, April 1—"May Irwin," Robinson Grand theater.

Friday, April 3—"Neil O'Brien's Minstrels, Robinson Grand theater."

Saturday, April 4—"The Lure," Robinson Grand theater.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 9, 10, 11—"Traffic in Souls," afternoons and nights, Robinson Grand theater.

Monday, April 13—"Easter assembly dance, Waldo hotel."

Tuesday, April 14—"Lyman H. Howe's motion pictures, Robinson Grand theater."

Tuesday, April 14—"Dance given by Knights of Columbus."

Saturday, April 25—"Prince of Tonight," Robinson Grand theater.

NEW POSTMASTERS.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM) WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 16.—M. F. Caldwell has been appointed postmaster at Lerona, Mercer county, in place of W. H. Caldwell, resigned. Carrie B. Spurlock has been appointed postmaster at Midkiff, Lincoln county, in place of E. W. Fry.

Madrid proposes to utilize the water brought to the city by an old canal to produce about three thousand electrical horsepower.

CONVENTION CALL.

Pursuant to a call of the Republican Executive Committee, the said committee voted to hold the primaries on Monday, March 16, 1914, at 7:30 p. m., for the following purposes, at the named places:

Each ward will nominate a councilman, ten delegates to represent said ward in the city convention to be held at the Court House on the 17th day of March, 1914, and two members of the Executive Committee:

First Ward: T. F. Gill's store room.
 Second Ward: Carlisle Curt School House.
 Third Ward: G. H. Gordon's Office.
 Fourth Ward: Ed. Armstrong's Club house.
 Fifth Ward: Hoffman Hall building, 226 Court street.

The convention will be held at the Court House Tuesday, March 17, 1914, at 8:00 p. m., to nominate the following candidates to be voted for at a municipal election, Tuesday, April 7, 1914:

Mayor: Chief of Police, City Clerk, Superintendent of Streets, member Water Works and Sewerage Board, Assessor, Collector and Treasurer and School Commissioner.

W. G. OSBORNE, Chairman.
 W. H. COLE, Secretary.

A. K. Thorn & Co.

Empire Building
 FIRE & LIFE INSURANCE
 We insure your property or life.

Representing Companies with more than \$500,000,000.00 Assets.

Furbelows and Flounces

Fashion decrees the returning to favor of the separate skirt and the making of the skirt a thing of furbelows, frills and flounces.

The stores—those "fashion indicators"—are already showing the new style notes and telling about them in their advertisements.

It used to be that the news columns of the newspapers made the fashion announcements first; but nowadays the stores are so alert and so anxious to be first in these announcements that much of the latest fashion news is in the advertising columns.

Any person who wishes to keep up-to-the-minute on the new fashions must be a reader of the advertising in live newspapers like THE DAILY TELEGRAM.

The advertising columns are the mirrors that reflect the attractions of the merchants and manufacturers. These men live by service.

They must make their advertising timely and interesting just as they make their merchandise desirable and fair in price. The news of the frills and furbelows is only one side of advertising.

Read the advertising and keep informed.

The Watts-Lainberd Company's Special Spring Silk Sale

Now In Progress

EVERY PIECE NEW THIS SEASON'S SILKS

All the newest fashionable Silks for Waists, Dresses and Formal Gowns. Note the wonderful money saving Opportunities.

Special For Tuesday 9 a. m.

50c Silk Crepes, 33c Yd.

EVERY PIECE NEW—27 IN. WIDE

A collection of beautiful new Crepes for Spring Blouses and Dresses. Among this season's most stylish fabrics. A complete range of colors. Fine, soft crepes with silk stripes in self colors including Black, White, Copenhagen, Apricot, Mais, Tan, Nell Rose, Nile, Bamboo, Light Blue, King's Blue, Pink. Also White grounds with stripes of silk in delicate pastel shades. Full 27 inches wide. Special price for Tuesday 33c yard. See Window Display.

\$1.00 TO \$1.50 FANCY SILKS 65c YD.

90c BLACK TAFFETA 69c YD. 35 inches wide

\$1.50 SILK MESSALINES AND CHIFFON TAFFETAS 98c YD.

\$3.00 PRINTED CREPE DE CHENE \$1.98 YD

\$5.00 ALL SILK CREPE BROCADES, \$2.19 Yd

\$1.00 BLACK SILK TAFFETA 69c YD

\$2.50 (40 inch) CHARMEUSE \$1.59

\$1.50 PRINTED GRECIAN CREPES .98c YD

WE GIVE 25% GREEN TRADING STAMPS WITH CASH PURCHASES

NOTICE TO CITY TAX PAYERS. SEVENTEEN CELEBRATE.

All persons owing taxes to the City of Clarksburg for the year 1913, have been well celebrated here Saturday night, judging from the police records of Sunday morning. Seventeen men and women, including the Mayor, were present at the celebration. They were all dressed in their best. They were all dressed in their best. They were all dressed in their best.

The coming of spring appears to be a fact. The coming of spring appears to be a fact. The coming of spring appears to be a fact.

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Cement Blocks

G. M. West has purchased the cement block factory formerly operated by The Smith-Limer Co., and has moved same to his building in Glen Elk No. 2, where he can personally look after the factory, which with the new machinery and electric power added he has one of the most complete cement factories in the state, from which he can supply the wants of all contractors with cement block, and most anything in the cement line. For same, call at office or call on either telephone.

G. M. WEST

Feed and Builders' Supplies.

Photographs

I will be at my Studio, 126 Fourth street, for the next week in each month, to make special sittings for those who desire Photographs of the Higher class. I will have renewed and improved ideas; from the center of the photographic world, New York City, in draping, posing and lighting, including all the new finishes which differentiate my work from the product of the cheaper studios. For appointments leave name at Studio, which is open every day with a competent person in charge.

Mrs. M. E. Rarick

You might find it in two minutes—that classified ad, which you ought to answer right away!

Start A Savings Account With This Bank And Watch It Grow

Many great things are said about our methods of conducting this bank. All who avail themselves of our services are well pleased and they will tell you so. This is exclusively a savings bank—a bank for the masses—we welcome the small accounts as gladly as we do the larger ones.

ACCOUNTS AT THIS BANK DRAW INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 4 PER CENT

THE LOWNDES SAVINGS BANK AND TRUST CO. R. T. LOWNDES, President.

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